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## Possible Price Of Recognition

Washington, Jan. 3.—Representative Walter Judd (Republican, Minnesota) said today that if Britain recognized Communist China, the British share of American aid might be reduced.

Mr. Judd said in a statement: "We are either in a cold war against a common enemy, world Communism, or we are not. If we are, then what excuse can there be for England aiding and abetting that common enemy? If we are not, then what adequate reason is there to continue taxing the overburdened American people to aid England?"

"How can we justify helping any nation against a common enemy if that nation helps the common enemy against us?"—United Press.

## Attempt To Raid Atom Plant

London, Jan. 3.—The first edition of the Daily Herald tonight, "Two security guards on an all-night patrol flashed the news to police stations early this morning of an alleged attempt to raid Britain's atomic energy research at Harwell."

The Herald also said: "A hole has been found in the 12-foot-high chain-link fence that stretches for three miles around the atom town."

"At one spot is a 200 ft. pile of lead ingot valued at £20,000. These ingots, two and a half feet long and three inches thick, are left in the open until they can be taken to the laboratory to be used as protection against radioactivity."

"Yesterday four men were charged for attempting to steal lead ingots and with stealing one of them. They were released on bail till January 25."—United Press.

New York, Jan. 3.—Violent deaths came to 424 Americans during the three-day New Year holidays from 6 p.m. on Friday to midnight on Monday.—Reuter.

## Egyptian Elections Wafdist Party In Lead

Cairo, Jan. 3.—The extreme Nationalist Wafdist Party won overwhelming majorities in four early official results tonight from Egypt's first general election since the war.

Three of them were in Cairo, which has 31 constituencies, and the other in Ismailia. The Wafdist, who boycotted the last election in January, 1945, were unofficially reported leading in both Egypt's main cities of Cairo and Alexandria. Their political opponents, the Saadists, held most of the seats in the outgoing Chamber. Polling was reported to be heavy but orderly when the heavily guarded booths closed at sunset tonight.

Sirry Fasha, the Prime Minister of the caretaker Government, had remained in his office here all day watching developments in the voting for some 1,000 candidates for 315 seats.

## Reds' Next Objective

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# Nationalists Ask U.S. To Aid

## In Defence Of Formosa

### Nothing Known Of Secret Agreement

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Chinese Nationalist Government has asked the United States for assistance for Formosa (Taiwan), including military aid, and military, political and economic advisers, the State Department announced today.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, told a news conference that the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, had visited the United States Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, Mr. Walton Butterworth, on December 23.

The Ambassador presented a memorandum "with respect to assistance for Formosa, including military, political and economic advisers."

"The Ambassador said the details of the economic aid had already been communicated to the Economic Co-operation Administration and he would be glad to supply next week (that is, during the week beginning December 26) details of the military aid wanted."

"The details have not yet come in," he added.

## American Protest To Moscow

### Fate Of Japanese War Prisoners

Washington, Jan. 3.—Informed sources said today that the United States, in a diplomatic protest to Moscow, has demanded that the Soviet Union explain the fate of 376,000 Japanese war prisoners who have never been returned from Russian prison camps.

The official announcement of this move is expected sometime on Wednesday simultaneously by the State Department and Allied Headquarters in Tokyo.

The information was that General MacArthur's representative on the Allied Council in Tokyo, William Sebald, would announce the American action at a meeting of that group.

The American diplomatic approach to Russia was taken as a prelude to demanding an investigation of the fate of the missing Japanese. The State Department was said to try to get some recognized neutral power such as Switzerland or the International Red Cross to investigate the fate of the Japanese. Some American officials have charged that these 376,000 soldiers or remnants of the once mighty Japanese Kwantung Army in Manchuria have been decimated by Soviet mistreatment.

General MacArthur has denounced the Soviet "calumnies of hypocrisy" in failing to give any information on the missing Japanese war prisoners since the war's end. It is believed here that the United States, in its note to Moscow called Russia's attention to her commitments on the treatment of prisoners under international agreements to which the Soviet Union is a party.—United Press.

## HUNT FOR A LOST CHILD

Wolverhampton, Jan. 3.—The biggest hunt for a lost child ever known in Britain's industrial Midlands is now on for five-year-old Isabel Poole, who has been missing since Christmas Day.

Wolverhampton has a population of more than 125,000.

In a house-to-house canvass the police are trying to find out the names of everybody who was out of doors in the particular district at the time the child disappeared.

Canada have been dragged and workers have searched three-and-a-half miles of sewers.

Two water officers have told the police that there is a body in a section of a canal already dredged twice. The police will go over it again.—Reuter.

## Hungarian Consulates Ordered To Be Closed

Washington, Jan. 3.—The United States has ordered Hungary to close its Consulates in Cleveland, Ohio and New York by January 15.

Observers here consider that this action is in retaliation to the Hungarian arrest and imprisonment of Mr. Robert Vogeler, an American businessman.

Mr. Vogeler has been in a Hungarian prison since November 18 accused of espionage. State Department officials have denounced these charges as "phony and trumped up."

Mr. Lincoln White, the State Department's press officer, told reporters that the American Minister, Mr. Nathanial P. Davis had notified the Hungarian Foreign Ministry in Budapest today that the Consulates must be closed.

State Department records list the Hungarian Consul in New York as Mr. Istvan Romany. In Cleveland there has been no recognized Consul-General since the resignation of Mr. Paul Mannik several months ago.

## 20,000 Guerillas On Hainan

### STAGE SET FOR AN ASSAULT

Taipei, Jan. 3.—The presence of 20,000 Chinese Communist guerillas on Hainan island was disclosed today by the Nationalist Premier, Gen. Yen Hsi-shan.

Gen. Yen appeared to be in better health than he was in Canton last summer.

He said the Communists have set the stage for an assault on Hainan island, and plan to follow it up with an attack on Formosa. He said the immediate job is to crush the 20,000 Communist guerillas in Hainan. These guerillas, he said, have about 7,000 arms, mostly rifles.

He said that the Acting President, Gen. Li Tsung-jen, who has undergone an operation in New York for a stomach ailment, has called him that he plans to resume his leadership in about a month. Asked whether there is any truth in reports that he would give up the premiership, Gen. Yen said: "I am willing and desire to keep my position to continue to fight against Communism."

He said that he is faced with important financial problems, but that he preferred not to comment on them.—United Press.

### RIGHTS VIOLATED

The United States Government tonight published the text of a note delivered in Budapest on the closing of the Hungarian Consulates in Cleveland and New York.

The note said that "as long as the rights and interests of the United States and its nationals continue to be grossly violated in Hungary against the United States and Hungary cannot fail to be seriously affected."

The note said that there was "no shred of evidence" to substantiate the charges against Mr. Vogeler or against other persons between the United States and Hungary.

The note said that these charges should be covered in a manner which represents quite normal and necessary business practices as "espionage and sabotage."

The note said that the Hungarian Legation in Washington must assume all Consular duties in the future.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### The Problem Of Formosa

THE presence of a refugee Nationalist Government of China in Formosa is beginning to pose some delicate questions which could embarrass Anglo-American relations. Britain, it has now been established, intends to extend full recognition to the Chinese Communists, while the United States has apparently decided to continue to back the Nationalists—no matter how halfheartedly—for an indefinite period. Both governments are acting according to the way they interpret current events in China, and if the British attitude is "realistic" as compared with America's "sentimental" approach to the problem, neither government can be condemned. There are arguments in plenty for and against. What would be unfortunate, however, is any cleavage in the close and friendly Anglo-American official relations brought about by circumstances for which neither country is in any way responsible. This is the danger of Formosa. Sometime this year (and after Britain and probably the rest of the Commonwealth) have extended recognition to the Mao Tse-tung regime, the Chinese Communists are going to try and invade Formosa for the purpose of taking away from the Nationalists their last stronghold. Nations then admitting the de jure existence of the Communist Government cannot protest against any such action. But what, if at that time, the United States still officially regards the Nationalists as the legal government of China? Will the United States endeavour materially to assist Chiang Kai-shek and his armies to resist an invasion? Though it might be in a minority, there is existent a vociferous body of opinion in America today which demands that the United States give all-out assistance by the use of manpower and weapons to the Nationalists in Formosa. Mr. Herbert Hoover, whose voice still attracts considerable respect in the country, is the latest advocate of American defence for Formosa against

Communism, and it is quite obvious from his hesitant attitude to the whole question, that the State Department is being embarrassed by this campaign. Nor is it difficult to feel some sympathy for President Truman and his advisers. Whatever privately they may feel about a "realistic appraisal" of the situation in China, they are only too fully conscious of the fact that American public opinion, at this moment, is not tuned for offering equal rights and privileges to the Communist regime. It is doubtful if the average American has any deep feelings left regarding the Nationalists, but his antipathy to anything approximating to Communism is such that he cannot stomach the idea of giving it any encouragement, even to the extent of formal acceptance of a government in power. The State Department thus faces the prospect of becoming hamstrung over policy—torn between outraged public opinion on the one hand if recognition were to be extended, and on the other, a crescendo of demands for militant defiance of the Chinese Communists from powerful political forces. The whole question of Formosa and its future is now assuming a problem of considerable magnitude. Behind the dispute as to whether the Nationalists or Communists should have control of the island, looms the internationally legal issue as to whether either regime has any entitlement—at least until a peace treaty with Japan has been signed. It is a strange dilemma to which there would appear to be only one satisfactory answer: the official return to China of Formosa. The alternative, a UN trusteeship, would only create further complications, would further alienate the new Chinese regime from the democratic world, and would probably drive the now neutral Chinese intelligentsia into the arms of the Communists. For, as it has long been demonstrated, the Chinese as a nation consider Formosa to be their territory by right and inheritance and they will brook no denial of this.

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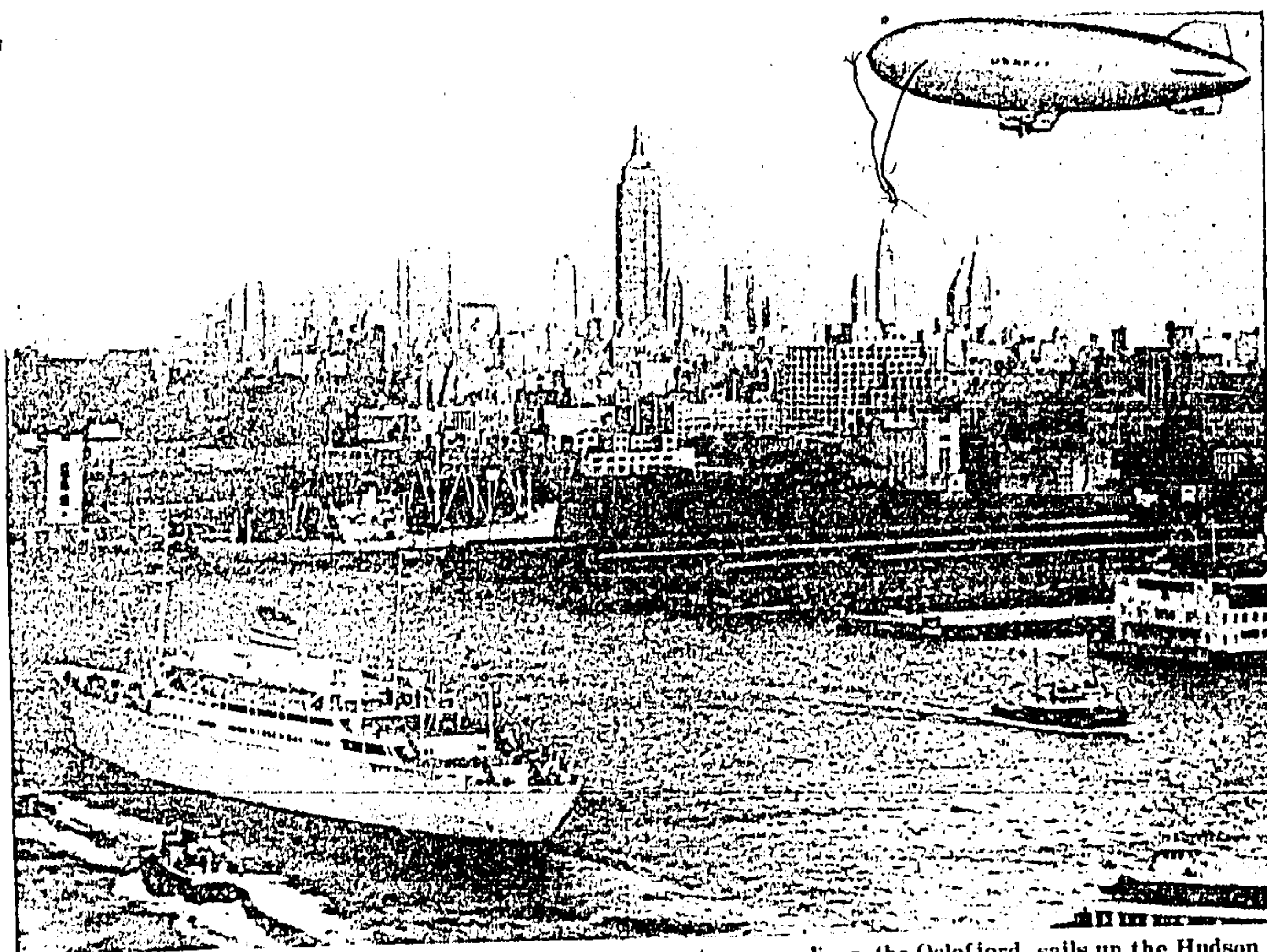
**TWO OLD TIMERS**—Thomas I. Spidell, 76, of Medford, Massachusetts, is a well-known authority on period furniture. He knows something about this ancient tankard, too. It was washed ashore from the wreckage of a ship blown up off Nova Scotia in 1813 to prevent capture.



**REVERSING THINGS**—When actress Neva Patterson went home to her New York apartment, she found her dog, Horace, overcome by gas fumes. Dogs usually do the lifesaving, and this groggy pooch looks grateful for being saved.



**EGYPTIAN CELEBRATION**—Commemorating the anniversary of the death of Mohammed Ali, founder of the Egyptian Royal Dynasty, these buglers in Cairo wear the uniform of that ruler's time. Behind them are soldier-musicians in present-day uniforms.



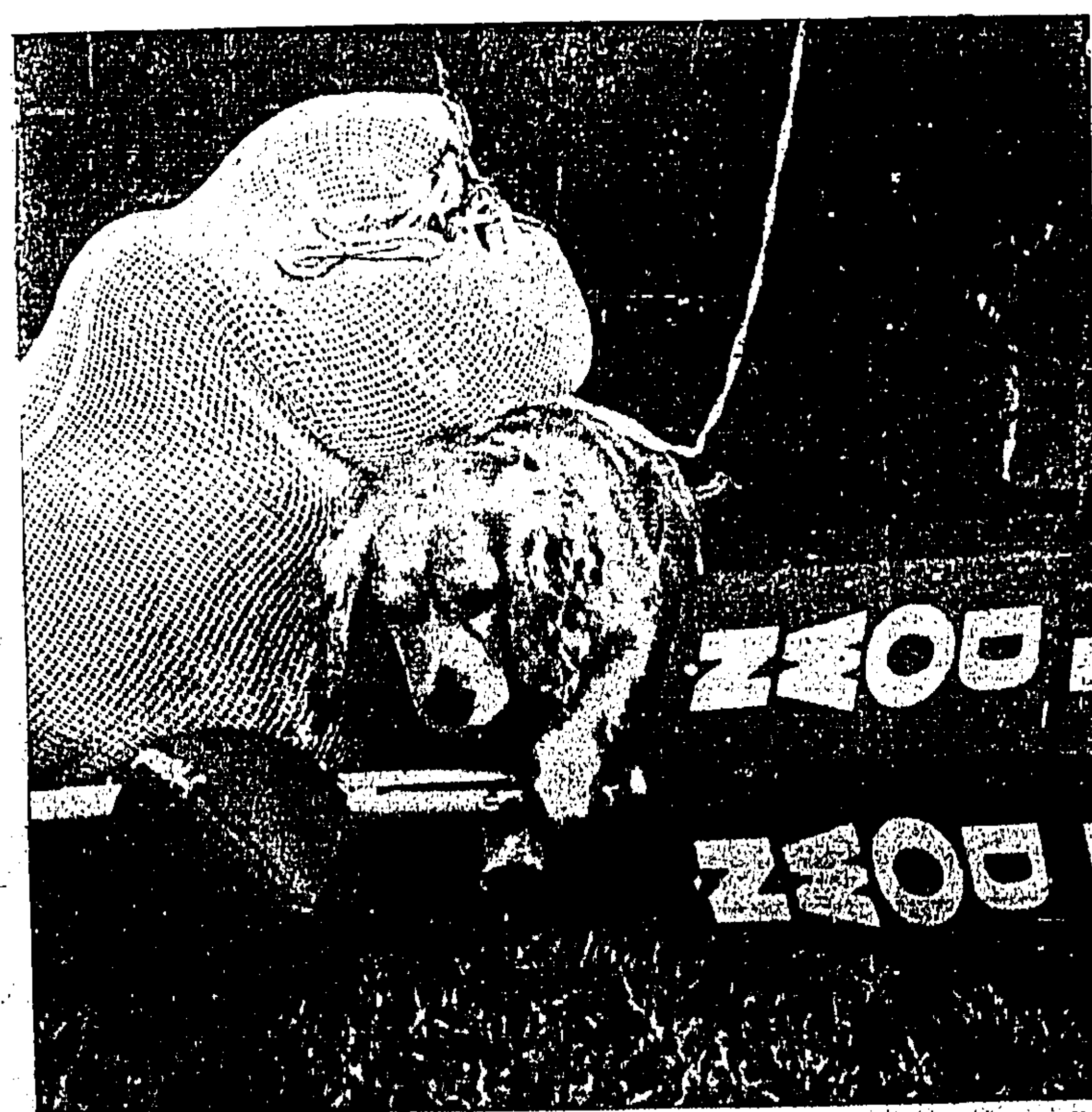
**A WELCOME FOR A NEWCOMER**—The newest Norwegian ocean liner, the Oslofjord, sails up the Hudson River at the completion of its maiden transatlantic voyage from Norway. The pearl gray and white, 16,500-ton diesel motorship is given a traditional New York Harbour welcome, complete with a dirigible overhead, as it passes the famous skyline.



**SULTRY GAL**—Actress Elizabeth Scott makes an attractive picture with a few effective props to indicate the holiday atmosphere.



**BARGAIN HUNTERS**—Merchants at Chicago's famed Maxwell Street open-air market find business more brisk than ever due to a pre-Christmas rush in the secondhand business. Bargain-seekers spend much time and energy discussing prices with the merchants.




**WANTS TO PLAY**—This eager pup tugs at his leash and sadly eyes the ball left by officials during half time at a football game in Seattle.



**CAN'T GET LOST**—Jochen Reinhardt, three-year-old German orphan, arrived at LaGuardia Airport, New York, well protected. The instructions directed him to his new parents in Falls Church, Virginia.



**ONLY ONCE**—Vivacious Simone Morin, 23, has been turning down jobs in leg shows in Paris. The little French actress says she wants no part of leg art, but longs to be on the legitimate stage. But just once—she poses this way.




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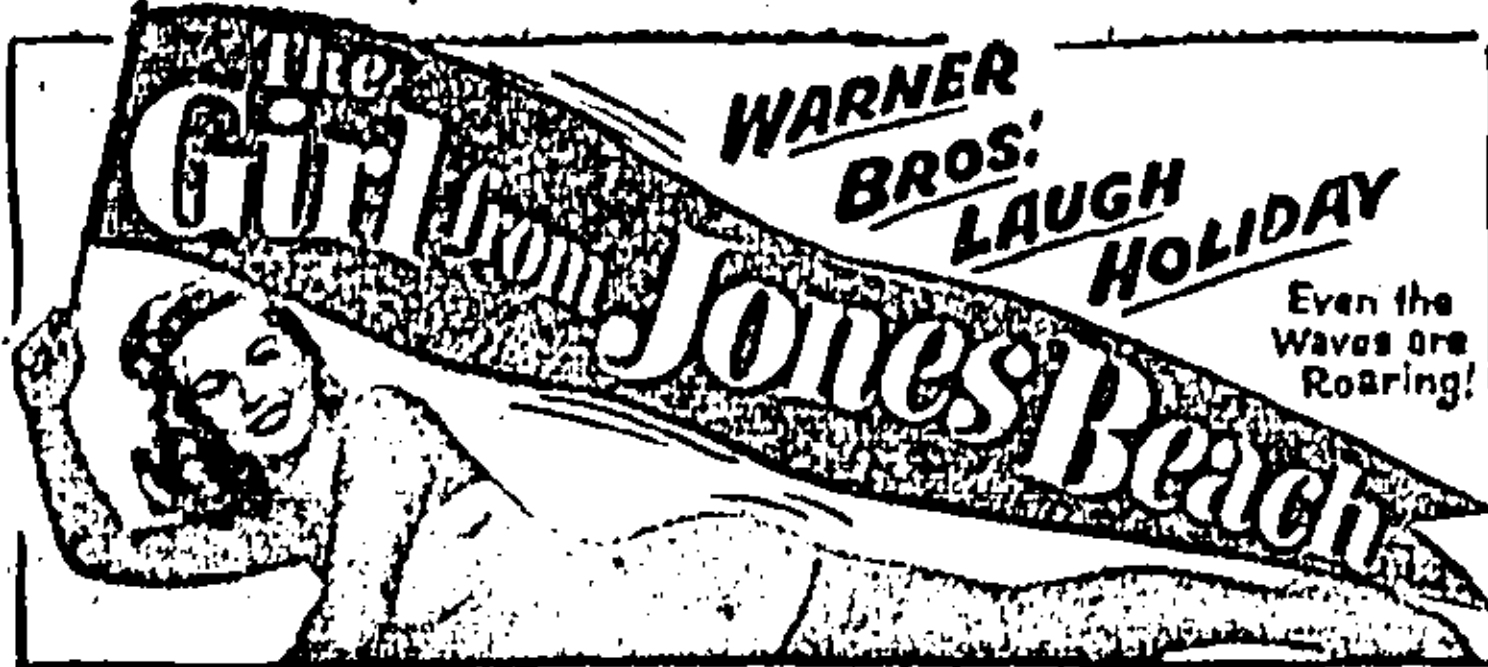
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## Sitting on the Fence....

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE scene is an underworld parlour after supper the night before Christmas Eve. Stick Em Up Charlie sprawls in one fireside arm chair. His wife knits in the other.

MRS CHARLIE What time are you going out tonight?  
CHARLIE No time. Night is that's three nights off in a week.

It's Christmas, ain't it?

Not yet, it ain't. There's people working overtime to buy a turkey and toys for the children.

I ain't got no luck lately.

It ain't luck you can't even do a little day job now.

Who can't?

Who can't? A man who has a full fall of dough when the old lady in the greengrocer's offered for the flatfoot?

You don't see to bring that up.

I didn't want to, Charlie. But a wife as to criticize sometimes. That money would have bought toys for the Christmas tree.

You got a Christmas tree?

About all I have got. No turkey. No toys. No nothing. And the children dreamin' every night of Santa Claus.

Where's me man?

Where it always is. In the corner with your mother's family album.

Leave the tea things out, I'll be back at four.

That's my Charlie boy. Wrap up warm with that chest of yours. And Charlie.

What?

No shootin' if you can clip it. Remember it's Christmas.

Pistol for one

"When Molotov visited the White House, one of the valets was quite astounded to find inside his suitcase a large chunk of black bread, a roll of sausage and a pistol." From "This I Remember" by Eleanor Roosevelt.

THE valet need not have been surprised. Molotov was the victim of the Russian Propaganda Department (Decoying Capitalist Dogs and Cannibals branch).

This was the scene in the Molotov bedroom before he left for America.

RMS. MOLOTOV (closing the last suitcase): Well, I think that's everything.

MOLOTOV: Have you packed the black bread?

Black bread, dear? Whatever for?

Don't ask questions. Pack some sausage, too.

But, darling, there's plenty of food in America. It's the best, fed country in the world.

Don't you know what's here? I'm sorry, dear. I was joking. All you were joking. But it's no joke to the millions who die each day in the rat-infested cities of the last stronghold of decadent plutocracy, where the blighted masters of the people escape three times a day on rich meals while little children must go to bed hungry. And what'll they do to you when that happens?

Yes, dear. Pack a pistol, too. I may have to fight my way through varying mobs. Or, if I cannot bear to walk across a carpet of dying babies, I may have to shoot myself.

Yes, dear, I'll pack it next to your cough lozenges.

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like this at breakfast? "So were you?" "Well, I happened to be hungry, see?" "Well, I didn't happen to be, see?" "And I suppose you are now?" "Yes, I am." "So you want to spoil our walk to go back and eat?" "Yes, I do." "Why can't you eat at the proper times?" "I'll eat when I like." "I'm going on." "I'm going back." "Stop pulling." "Stop pulling." "Hell, this is like being married to yourself." "I hate you, hate you, hate you." "And I hate you. Hate, hate, hate."

Dinner party

According to General Bedell Smith, American Ambassador to Moscow, 1944, at a dinner party at the Russian Embassy, the official Russian dinner parties are too frightened to talk about anything. Even if the weather is mentioned, everybody freezes, because it has been decided a State secret. So, in the evening goes on, through an infinite succession of course, in an atmosphere of melancholy silence.

THE caviare has been served. Olga sits next to Ivan. OLGA: My first name is Olga. What is yours? IVAN: Ivan. (Munch, munch, munch.) (Bortsch soup is served.) OLGA: You like soup? IVAN: Yes. (Suck, suck, suck.) (Chicken is served.) OLGA: I like chicken. IVAN: So do I. (Chomp, chomp, chomp.) (Champagne is poured.) OLGA: Wine makes me talk too much. IVAN: Does it? (Gulp, gulp, gulp.) (Three-inch steaks are served.) OLGA: I don't think I want this. IVAN: Don't you? (Chew, chew, chew.) (More champagne is poured.) OLGA: The wine has gone to my head. I am going to say something dangerous. IVAN: Are you? (Slip, slip, slip.) OLGA: Do you think it will be fine tomorrow? Knives and forks are dropped. Everybody looks stonily at the wall opposite. A secret police official steps from behind a curtain and lends Olga away.

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## Chapter 15 Of . . . The Greatest Story Ever Told

By Fulton Oursler

A NEW murmur ran through the court, some saying one way, some another. They no more agreed among themselves than had the witnesses. But Joseph went doggedly on.

"In the first instance," he argued, "Jesus is accused of announcing His intention of destroying the Temple and then restoring it by sovereignty. In the second instance He is quoted as promising to restore the Temple if someone else destroyed it. Which, then, did He actually say? Certainly one of these witnesses must be wrong, and our law says that at least two witnesses must agree!"

Calphas, looking imploringly toward his father-in-law, had received an almost imperceptible signal. He gave vent to a deep breath of outraged annoyance, and answered: "Very well; there is no need to argue the point. Let us hear from another witness."

Now Jacob, the corn seller, was a man Calphas felt he could rely on, and he was there to be used in an emergency. Willingly Jacob slipped his thigh for the oath, answered the ritual questions, and was brought promptly to the point he had been there in the Temple and he had heard what Jesus said.

"What, then, did He say?" "He said," replied Jacob, "that He would build the Temple of God and to build it in three days."

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witness over there anxious to be heard. Let us hear him." Calphas turned brusquely. Standing near to the prisoner was a stout, pale man, eyes shining with extraordinary brilliancy.

"I asked," he faltered in a nervous voice; "that the questions be put to me. I have already been before the Committee."

With patience that lacked all grace, Calphas applied the ritual to the stranger. His name was Benjamin, also of King David Street.

"Well, Benjamin, what have you to testify here?" Benjamin sank to his knees, picked up the dusty robe of the prisoner and kissed its hem.

A Hush

"I WAS blind," he said. "He put some clay on my eyes after mixing it with His spittle and when He took the clay off, I was healed."

Calphas shook his finger in the face of the witness.

"Get up!" he barked. "What do you really know?"

"One thing I know," reiterated Benjamin. "Once I was blind and now I can see."

There was a hush in the trial room; something in the manner of this witness filled them with belief. They turned to look at Jesus with new interest. Could it be possible?

Calphas lifted his well-lended hand and guards hustled the witness off.

"There is no value in such an interruption," he complained angrily. "No value."

We are not here to decide whether this accused man is a physician or is not a physician. The question is clear enough: Is He, or is He not, a blasphemer?

"You have yet to prove it," said Joseph.

A vociferous shout from the assembly reinforced the objection. Calphas saw then, if he had not realised it before, that not he nor his great father-in-law, nor anyone else, held the ancient tribunal of Israel in his pocket. These judges were not to be ruled except by law.

As the confusion grew, another of the judges, Nicodemus, stood up from among the elders and clapped his hands for a sign that he wanted to be heard.

"That Is The Law"

"MARK you this, my lords," Nicodemus declared. "If you attempt to limit the blasphemy charge against this prisoner to the subordinate charge of healing, how can you ever prove the man a false prophet? You can't possibly do it until the Temple is destroyed. If, then, Jesus of Nazareth falls to rebuild it in three days, then and then only He proves to be a false prophet. That is the law, my Lord, and we are bound by it."

And as Nicodemus sat down, Joseph of Arimathea rose again. "My Lords," he said, "I propose that we dismiss Jesus of Nazareth here and now, and let Him go His way!"

As Joseph of Arimathea sat down, he saw many approving headshakes. As yet there was certainly no majority for conviction. Only momentarily disconcerted, Calphas again lifted his ringed hand, Annas having just left his side.

"My Lords," began Calphas, "it is true that under our law the least discord between the evidence of witnesses is held to destroy its value in so solemn an issue as we are now trying. However, this does not mean that the entire case against this prisoner can be thrown out. Moreover, we have more evidence to bring. I charge, that this man claims to be the Messiah all Jews have waited for, the Christ. That is His abominable crime and now He must answer for it."

Both Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were on their feet, clamouring to be heard.

"You are changing the very ground of the accusation during the course of the trial!" shouted Nicodemus. "That is unjust."

Before Calphas could attempt an answer, old Annas rose again and took over. Very straight he was, in his physical slenderness, standing in that vast public chamber, the incarnation of the elder statesman, the voice of authority and experience. He began crisply, "We are here

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## COMET CANNOT TOUR U.S.A.

Much work yet to be done on star jet airliner

THE De Havilland Aircraft concern, builders of Britain's 600 mph Comet jet airliner, are annoyed at suggestions that the aeroplane, which has surprised the world by its performance, should go on a "flag-showing" tour of the United States.

Another year's development work has to be done on the

Comet before it can go into service as passenger-carrying airliner on BOAC's routes, and this cannot be interrupted—at any rate while there is only one Comet flying.

"Irresponsible nonsense," was a De Havilland spokesman's comment on the suggestion that Britain was missing a great publicity opportunity by not sending the Comet to America.

Frederick Cook in New York, writes: "Every airline executive in America, and thousands of fare-paying passengers are waiting to see the Comet."

"British air experts in the United States would like to see a flag-showing tour covering every major traffic-producing region in the United States and Canada."

Another year

But without the Comet going to North America, the first order has been received from overseas. Canadian Pacific Airlines have ordered two.

Many American airline officials have come to Britain specially to see the aeroplane.

"We cannot lose a day of our development programme, let alone a month," a De Havilland official said. "Whenever we can, we are in the sky with the Comet."

"If our people work slap-out, including winter night flying, they may get the development work done in another year."

"There are millions invested in the Comet. The whole of our experimental staff are working on it. We have got to get it right: it is the biggest thing we have ever tackled in 30 years, and we cannot stop the work."

(London Express Service)

NANCY

Taking the Wrap

By Ernie Bushmiller









## The Empire Games Are A Month Away

# THEY CALL HIM "M.T." FOR SHORT & FIJI FOLK ARE HOPING BY "RECORDER"

The Empire Games are just a month away—they start on February 4 at Auckland, New Zealand. Most of the teams have now been selected and we are nearer to knowing who will and will not be competing.

The Dominion "giants" will not have the challenge of Trinidad and British Guiana or Hongkong for that matter. I doubt that we would have placed anywhere, but we could have made an effort to be there.

The Empire in Asia will be represented by Malaya and Ceylon. There will even be several Chinese, if none from Hongkong. Among them will be Ng Liang-chiang, the Malaya Low Hurdles Champion.

There will be no turbid Sids, but the full flavour of an all Empire sports meet will not be completely lost and for that we have to be grateful to two out of the way colonies that are making an effort to compete.

There are spectators and Fiji A. Nigam, Prince Astor, who has already reached an Olympic final. For the Empire of the Pacific, it is something completely new.

## ON THE MAP

That does not surprise at Fiji comes out with a champion. In fact Fiji suddenly decided to make a real bid to put them selves on the sports map and held their first ever Fiji Association Championship Meeting. Imagine the surprise of the spectators when one of them by

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE SOCCER

London, Jan. 3. The following were the results of Scottish League football matches played today.

DIVISION "A"	
Aberdeen	0 Hibernian
Clyde	2 Falkirk
Hearts	2 St. Mirren
Motherwell	0 Dundee
Q. of South	0 East Fife
Rutherglen	1 Celtic
Rangers	3 Th. Lamark
DIVISION "B"	
Albion R.	1 Dunfermline
Arbroath	1 Hamilton
Ayr United	4 Alloa Ath.
Cowdenbeath	1 Dumbarton
Dunfermline	3 Kilmarnock
Morton	1 Forfar
Queens Park	2 Arbroath
Stenhouse	2 St. Johnstone

The match between Stirling Albion and Partick Thistle was postponed owing to the ground being unfit after rain.

## Booters Prove Better Than Football Stars

Manila, Jan. 4. The Hongkong team, which includes Chinese and British football stars will meet the crack Deportivo Espanol de Barcelona eleven on Thursday night at Rizal Stadium. It will be the third and last appearance here of the Spanish booters who first conquered an All-Manila selection on New Year's Day and blanked the Hongkong All-Chinese team last night by 6-0.

"WOLF! WOLF!" The Chinese repeatedly threatened to score last night even in the closing minutes of the play but found the Spaniards' defence impregnable. Both teams drew enthusiastic applause from a crowd of 22,000 for displays of brilliant passing and blocking.

The Chinese held their own in the first quarter hour of the play but thereafter the Spaniards were superior in all departments of the game. The score at half-time was 2-0 and the second half ended at 4-0 for a total of 6-0—United Press.

**SAIGON INTERPORT**  
Mr Ernest Goldmann, Vice President of the Saigon Football Federation, arrived from Saigon by Air France plane yesterday to discuss with the Hongkong Football Association the possibilities of sending a team to the Colony in February or March.

Meeting him at the airport yesterday was Mr Omar, Secretary of the HKFA.

## Loss To Dark Blues



Martin Donnelly, former Oxford Cricket and Rugby player, New Zealand Test Cricketer and Rugby International was among those who took Bachelor of Arts degrees in Congregation at Oxford. Donnelly, who captained the University cricket team, was at Worcester College.

## TENNIS

## STRONG OVERSEAS CHALLENGE IN INDIAN TOURNEY

Allahabad, United Provinces, Jan. 3.—Following the recent Asian Lawn Tennis Championships, there was a strong overseas challenge for the National Championships of India, which opened here today. Britain, South America, France, Belgium and other parts of the European continent being represented in the battle with home talent.

V. Cernik, of Czechoslovakia, was one of the most fortunate players for he reached the third round without a match, two opponents scratching.

Among the outstanding results today were the following:  
Men's Singles First Round  
P. Bony (France) beat J. Fanklekrantz (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2.  
R. A. de la Motte (France) beat J. Fanklekrantz (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2.  
Men's Singles Second Round  
P. Bony (France) beat J. Fanklekrantz (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2.  
R. A. de la Motte (France) beat J. Fanklekrantz (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2.  
Men's Doubles First Round  
J. Fanklekrantz and A. Weiss (France) beat S. Schuster and P. S. Schuster (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2.  
Men's Doubles Second Round  
J. Fanklekrantz and A. Weiss (France) beat S. Schuster and P. S. Schuster (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2.  
Men's Doubles Third Round  
J. Fanklekrantz and A. Weiss (France) beat S. Schuster and P. S. Schuster (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2.

Joe Davis increased his advantage over Sidney Smith in their 15-9 match. The scores (with Davis first) were 41 to 110, 52 to 61, 83 to 69, 94 to 33, 105 to 44 and 71 to 62.

**CHENIER 14-MANS 10**  
Mans won four frames at Chenier's two and so the Canadian led by 14 frames to 10 at the end of today's play. Chenier won the third frame without conceding a point, making a break of 100 in which he potted the black only once.

The evening scores (with Chenier first) were 45 to 58, 16 to 61, 128 to 0, 60 to 68, 65 to 27 and 71 to 71.

Joe Davis made the 334th century break of his career during a heat of the tournament against Smith, reaching exactly 100 with eight blacks, a blue, a yellow and all the colours.

Davis and Smith each won three frames at night and Davis then led by 16 frames to nine. The evening scores (with Davis first) were 59 to 65, 45 to 99, 185 to 20, 101 to 80, 108 to 89 and 49 to 78.—Reuter.

## £20,000 WORTH OF TALENT GOES UP IN SMOKE

Bang has gone, not merely saxpence, but £20,000 worth of footballer. The man, Eddie Kilshaw; the club, Sheffield Wednesday, who paid that sum for him a year ago.

Kilshaw, outside-right, received a severe leg injury last April and the news now is that medical opinion affirms he has little chance of taking further part in serious football. Club and player are reluctant to accept this opinion as final, and Kilshaw says he feels he can fight his way back to complete recovery.

Good luck to him in the attempt, but there the medical verdict is.

The story points again to the enormous risk clubs take in paying these fancy prices for players. The star footballer has the same vulnerable limbs and joints as lesser beings.

## DIRT TRACKS GO RED

The "dirt track"—unpicturesque name for speedway—has to go red next season. Thousands will be pleased to hear that at last the Control Board have decided to standardise track surfaces.

They have issued instructions to promoters to put down a top dressing of red shale. Four tracks—Wimbledon, Birmingham, Sheffield and Ashfield (Glasgow)—already have such a surface. These will serve as patterns for other tracks, which must make the change before the 1950 season opens.

Speedway racing, which enters its 22nd year next spring, has taken place on a variety of surfaces, including cinders, crushed red brick, alder and and finely-chipped granite. Riders and promoters have long agitated for uniformity.

## BETTER THAN CINDERS

The new red track will mean safer and easier riding. The shale top dressing bands well and the track surface is not thrown up so much. On cinders, which tend to become loose, the riders throw up ash which forms a dangerous bank in the centre of the track.

A new-type rear tyre with a shallow tread, which is also being standardised, will help to make racing safer and allows less risky overtaking.

The Control Board have also decided to use pre-cast concrete chabs for starting areas next year. This helps to eliminate "home team advantage".

## IT COST £1,000

One first division promoter in London said that the 600 odd yards of red shale needed as top dressing for an average speedway track will cost about £1,000 compared with about £200 for the same amount of cinders.

## NRA Shoot At Stonecutters

The National Rifle Association Overseas Rifle and Revolver Postal Matches 1949 competitions are open to British Subjects and/or British protected persons resident or stationed in the various colonies. Protection and Countries within the British Commonwealth.

The competition was fired at Stonecutters on December 30 in a fair light and tricky wind. The Colony entered two Rifle Teams of eight and one Pistol Team of four.

The Rifle Competition consisted of 1 Slighter and 10 Rounds at 300, 500 and 600 yards. One team firing Service Rifle (a) and the other Service Rifle (b).

The Revolver Competition consisted of 20 Rounds at 20 yards and 20 Rounds at 50 yards. Shots of five rounds at 10 yards.

The following were selected to represent the Colony:  
Service Rifle (a)  
Sgt. F.E. Newport R.M. 134  
Lt. Cdr. W.J. Collins R.N. 121  
Lt. Cdr. T.G. Ridgeway R.N. 120  
Lt. Cdr. J. Orchard R.N. 120  
Capt. J.N. Hedley R.M. 120  
Lt. H.N. Cooper R.M. 120  
Sgt. H.H. Goss R.M. 120  
C/Sgt. A. Maylor R.M. 120

Aggregate 1014  
Service Rifle (b)  
F.O. P. Biegel R.A.F. 131  
Lt. W. Robson R.M. 120  
Sgt. W.C. Morrisby R.M. 120  
Sgt. L.E. B. B. R.M. 120  
A.C. A. Dwyer R.A.F. 120  
Insp. K.C. Ho I.K.P. 117  
Capt. S.R.W. Lambert R.A.F. 120  
Sgt. W.J. Kitchenham R.M. 120

Aggregate 1010  
Revolver  
Sgt. N.E. Thackeray R.M. 84  
Capt. J.N. Hedley R.M. 80  
Insp. G.J. Perkins I.K.P. 78  
Insp. O.H. Sadick I.K.P. 74

Aggregate 310  
The Superintending Officers were Captain A.D.H. Jones, Royal Marines, and Captain C.H. Calvert, I.K.P.

**MCC ITINERARY**  
Melbourne, Jan. 3.—The itinerary for the MCC tour of Australia at the end of this year, opening at Perth on October 13, provides for 12 matches, including five Tests and nine four-day games.

The Test dates are: December 1 to 7, first Test at Brisbane; December 22 to 29, second Test at Melbourne; January 5 to 11, third Test at Sydney; February 2 to 8, fourth Test at Adelaide; February 23 to 29, fifth Test at Melbourne and will be played to a finish.—Reuter.

**FANLING GOLF**  
Winner of the Stapleford Competition which was played on the Old Course during the New Year Holidays was Mr W. S. Vaughan (14) who returned a net score of 68 which gave him a total of 42 points.

Entries for Junior Championship close on Sunday, January 8. Please enter names on list at Fanling or submit names to Club Office.

## Sportsman's Diary

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A point in favour of shale is that maintenance is much cheaper. Cinders are light and need constant replacement; shale, of heavier texture, has a much longer life.

Objection by some promoters is that the old thrill of cinder-spraying by broadsiding riders will vanish.

## ACCEPTANCES

The announcement by the West Indies Board of Control that the West Indies has accepted the terms offered him removes number two from the list of "improbables" for the cricket tour here next season.

Number one, Hines Johnson, said two weeks ago that he would be available.

Number three—and the most doubtful—is Frank Worrell, Lancashire League star, in India with the Commonwealth XI.

Worrell's case is different from the other two Johnson had just opened an electrical business in Kingston, Jamaica, was given time to think over the £500 plus expenses, plus new kit, offer.

Worrell, rather vehement in his demands for the West Indies.

## Hongkong Open Billiards Tournament

The Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation having completed its Billiards Knock-out Competition for Chinese Clubs, propose to commence the Hongkong Open Billiards Tournament.

This Tournament will commence towards the end of this month or the beginning of February and all Clubs, Messes etc. in the Colony are invited to participate.

Each team will consist of five players, each of whom will play 150 up in every match.

Any team wishing to take part in the Tournament is requested to submit an application for entry to Mr Lee Hing-ling, Chairman, 54 Des Voeux Road Central, 1st floor, Hongkong, on or before January 15, the closing date for entries.

## H. SHORT WINS POWDERHALL SPRINT

Edinburgh, Jan. 3.—H. Short, a glazier and decorator, today won the sprint handicap at the famous Powderhall meeting, Britain's most famous professional running event.

With a start of seven yards, he returned a time of 12-9/10th secs for the 130 yards, beating A. Lohlin by a yard, with G. Harrington in third place.

When Short won his opening heat yesterday in 13-1/10th secs, he became a popular fancy for the £150 prize. Starting at 6 to 4 on favourite in the final, he justified the confidence placed in him.—Reuter.

## Hockey Standings

The following are the latest standings of the teams in the hockey league:				
Teams	P	W	D	L
Army	12	12	0	0
Police	11	8	2	1
RAF	10	6	2	2
RAF	10	5	3	2
RAF	10	4	3	3
RAF	10	3	3	4
RAF	10	2	3	5
RAF	10	1	3	6
RAF	10	0	3	7
RAF	10	0	2	8
RAF	10	0	1	9
RAF	10	0	0	10

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tour of India last year, was not offered the same terms as Weekes.

And, in fact, Worrell did not endear himself to Kari Nunes, president of the WIDE, by willing that he would play in the Tests and the major county matches only.

Nunes says that either Worrell plays in all or none.

## 50,000 TIMINGS

Ever since December 10, 1937, Joe Palmer, now about 60 has timed the greyhounds at Wembley. His "bag" of 50,000 races and trials during those 22 years has missed only three meetings.

What Palmer does not know about time-keeping is not worth knowing. He has held stopwatch—watched a collection of them he has for athletics, boxing, speedway, horse racing, motor boat and motorcar racing. He used to train women athletes and he refereed the famous Currier-Buckett fight.

He and his Cockney humour are part of Wembley. His son—another Joe—is his deputy. (London Express Service)

## CHESS

## Larry Evans Doing Well At Hastings

Hastings, Sussex, Jan. 3.—The 17-year-old American, Larry Evans, beat J. A. Fuller, a 20-year-old British player, in the fifth round of the Premier Tournament at the International Chess Congress here today.

Evans won in 48 moves from the Royal Lopez opening. L. Szabo of Hungary, the King's Indian defence, beat W. A. Winsor of Britain in 39 moves.

Experts said that Evans maintained his reputation as the "wonder boy" of American chess, and that Fuller was lucky to hold him for so long.

D. M. Horne, Britain, held last year's Hastings champion, N. Rossolimo, France, to a draw in the Premier Tournament after six hours and 60 moves from the Sicilian opening.

## THE LEADERS

Rossolimo, Evans, United States, and Szabo, Hungary, now lead with four points each. In the Premier Reserves, major section, Southanbell, the former Belgian champion, checkmated L. Smith, Holland, in 48 moves, and in two adjourned games drew with W. Barden, England, in 18 moves, and lost to the veteran English player, H. G. Rhodes, in 35 moves.

Southanbell had scored three points (won two, drawn two, lost two) and has four more games to play.

L. Smith has two points (won two, lost three). H. Juhe, Germany, competing in the same section, has one-and-a-half points (won one, drawn one, lost two).

His game today was adjourned. In the Premier Reserves "B" section, John Poterum, Denmark, beat H. C. Lewis, England, in 37 moves.

Poterum has one-and-a-half points (won one, drawn one, lost three).—Reuter.

## £30,000 Prizes From The Pools

London, Jan. 3.—Three men have each won more than £30,000 for a 1/- stake in the football pools. A. E. Moxon, of Birmingham, the father of two children, and his wife have decided that, as a result of their newly-won fortune, they will adopt a number of children and give them the comforts they themselves never had.

Moxon is a coal delivery-man. E. F. Newell, aged 29 and father of two children, has decided that he will carry on with his job. The third win of more than £30,000 will go to a 60-year-old pensioner.—Reuter.

## INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL

Nice, Jan. 3.—Today's results in the international basketball tournament here counting for the World Championships were: Italy beat Austria 47 to 11 after leading 23-8 at half-time; Spain beat Finland 53-26 after leading 23-7 at half-time; Belgium beat Switzerland 33-10 after leading 21-7 at half-time; Yugoslavia beat Holland 68-20 after leading 31-10 at half-time.—Reuter.

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**FOR THE BUSINESSMAN**

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<b>WINNIPEG MARKET.</b>	
<b>Exchange Rates</b>	
Business was done in the local market each morning at the following rates:—	
Sterling pound (per £1)	70-14
U.S. dollars (per \$1)	75-58
Swedish crown (per 100)	1-52
Norwegian gulder (per 100)	1-52
Swedish krona (per 100)	1-52
Singapore dollar (8 rante)	1-20-14
PIC piastres (per 100)	1-20-14
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